

- I. The species of figure 9; and
- II. The species described on page 19, lines 8-9.

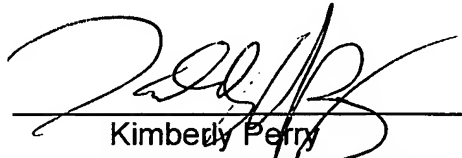
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species of figure 9. Applicants respectfully traverse the election of species set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Despite the provisional election, applicants traverse requirement for an election of species. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner should reconsider the restriction requirement in view of the fact that the separate classification of the subject matter under the classification system of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is not conclusive proof of divisibility and further that under M.P.E.P. §803 the entire application must be examined as a whole when there would not be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction were not required. The fields of search are believed to be co-extensive for the two species identified by the Examiner.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any question concerning this response, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number below. If there is any fee due in connection with this response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 21-0550.

Respectfully submitted,

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